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Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, by which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Recalling also its resolutions 45/104 of 14 December 1990 and 45/217 of 21 December 1990 as well as the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights 1990/74 of 7 March 1990 1/ and 1991/52 of 6 March 1991, 2/

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

2/ Ibid., 1991 Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

Reaffirming that the rights of children require special protection and call for continuous improvement of their situation all over the world, as well as for their development and education in conditions of peace and security,

Profoundly concerned that the situation of children in many parts of the world remains critical as a result of inadequate social and economic conditions, natural disasters, armed conflicts, exploitation, illiteracy, hunger and disability, and convinced that urgent and effective national and international action is called for,

Mindful of the important role of the United Nations Children's Fund and of that of the United Nations in promoting the well-being of children and their development,

Convinced that the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as a standard-setting accomplishment of the United Nations in the field of human rights, makes a positive contribution to protecting the rights of children and ensuring their well-being,

Bearing in mind the successful conclusion of the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 29 and 30 September 1990, in particular the adoption of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, while emphasizing the need for implementation of the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s 3/ and stressing the necessity to ensure the follow-up of the Summit at the national and international levels,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention, 4/

Bearing in mind that the Committee on the Rights of the Child held its first session from 30 September to 18 October 1991,

Encouraged by the fact that an unprecedented number of States have to date become signatories and parties to the Convention, thereby demonstrating the widespread commitment that exists to strive for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; 4/

2. Welcomes with deep satisfaction the entry into force of the Convention on 2 September 1990 as a major step in international efforts to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3/ E/CN.4/1991/59.

4/ A/46/392.

3. Expresses its satisfaction at the number of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention since it was opened for signature, ratification and accession on 26 January 1990;

4. Calls upon all States that have not done so to sign, ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of priority;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the dissemination of information on the Convention and its implementation with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

6. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

7. Recognizes the important functions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in overseeing the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child;

9. Supports the organization of the future work of the Committee on the basis of two sessions per year, each of two or three weeks duration, and the establishment of a pre-sessional working group for a preliminary review of reports from States parties;

10. Decides to take appropriate action on the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly on the basis of the biannual report which the Committee is expected to submit to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council; 5/

11. Invites the Secretary-General to convene a brief meeting of the States parties to the Convention, preferably during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to determine the duration of the future meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, prior to the consideration of the question by the Assembly;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to consider favourably the possibility of enabling a working group of the whole of the Committee to meet in 1992; 6/

5/ See article 44, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

6/ CRC/C/7.

13. Invites United Nations bodies and organizations, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on the Convention and promoting its understanding;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

15. Decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-seventh session under the item "Human rights questions".

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Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Situation in Myanmar

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms stated in the Charter of the United Nations and elaborated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights 2/ and other applicable human rights instruments,

Aware that, in accordance with the Charter, the Organization promotes and encourages respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "the will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government",

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

Recalling that the Government of Myanmar has assured the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies of its intention to take all necessary steps towards democracy in the light of the elections held in 1990,

Noting with concern substantive available information indicating a grave human rights situation in Myanmar,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's statement on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Aung Sang Suu Kyi and his repeated appeals for her early release from house arrest,

1. Takes note of the assurances of the Government of Myanmar to take firm steps towards the establishment of a democratic State and looks forward to the early implementation of this commitment;

2. Expresses its concern at the information on the grave human rights situation and stresses the need for an early improvement of this situation;

3. Expresses its concern also at the continued deprivation of liberty of a number of democratically elected political leaders and urges the Government of Myanmar to allow all citizens to participate in the political process in accordance with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

4. Decides to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-seventh session.